

both at drive-through mass vaccine sites and at stores, malls, and places of worship. CHC's tireless efforts to equitably distribute the vaccine to all members of the community received national and international recognition, including from the White House.

CHC's restless drive to innovate, dating back to the spirit of its founders in 1972, and its unwavering belief that healthcare is a right and not a privilege, has driven the organization's remarkable contributions in the last half century. I could not be more proud to join the Middletown community in celebrating this very special anniversary with the Community Health Center, Inc. Their outstanding dedication and commitment to ensuring, that everyone—regardless of circumstance—has access to affordable, quality health care serves as an example to us all. I am honored to extend my heartfelt congratulations and very best wishes to President and CEO, Mark Masselli, Margaret Flinter, Senior Vice President and Clinical Director, and the entire CHC family on this very special occasion. As we say in Italian—C'ent Anni.

JOHN WALSH

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Staff Sergeant (SSG), Mr. John Walsh of Cherry Hill, New Jersey who dedicated 50 years of his life to his community and our country.

SSG Walsh was born in Chicago, Illinois, enlisting in the Illinois National Guard in 1961. He completed his basic infantry training at Ft. Leonard Wood, where he was awarded a Sharpshooter Rifle Badge.

SSG Walsh was also trained in Air Defense as a Radar Fire Control Crewman at Fort Bliss, Texas. He served our country for 6 more years, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Continuing his dedication and service to his community and country, SSG Walsh is involved locally, serving his neighbors and fellow veterans as the Senior Vice Commander of the American Legion 372.

Staff Sergeant Walsh also serves as a Lieutenant of the Regional Rehab Unit for the Cherry Hill Fire Department which provides support and offers food to the Firefighters responding to multiple alarm fires. In addition, he volunteers with the local food pantry and with the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

SSG John Walsh is married to his wife Kay, and is the proud father of four children and grandfather to thirteen grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring SSG John Walsh, of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, a resident dedicated to his community, country and to those who have bravely served and defended the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SCOTT FITZGERALD

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mr. FITZGERALD. Madam Speaker, due to unforeseen travel delays, I was unable to be recorded for votes on Monday, June 13, 2022. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 256; YEA on Roll Call No. 257; and YEA on Roll Call No. 258.

HONORING LUISA CANESTRI HOWARD ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today during National Nurses Week to join the VA Connecticut Healthcare System in extending my heartfelt congratulations to Luisa Canestri Howard. Luisa is not only a special part of the VA Connecticut family, she is also one of my closest cousins and I am so proud to have the opportunity to recognize her for her outstanding career in nursing.

Luisa began her career at the West Haven VA in January of 1982. Luisa had a special place in her heart for our nation's veterans and she wanted to use her talents to help improve their lives and support their healthcare needs. Her first station was as a staff nurse on G 5 East which was a medical floor. She then moved to a staff nurse on the Medical ICU, then worked in Cardiology research. After that she became the Nurse Manager of the Specialty Clinics. As a staff nurse Luisa held certifications in Medical Surgical nursing and in Research Nursing. In 2007 she was awarded the Nightingale award for excellence in nursing and in 2009 she was awarded the VSN1 Distinguished Federal Manager Award.

In 2013 Luisa started her current role as Nurse Manager of Case Management where she became responsible for the day-to-day operations of the unit. Luisa has provided remarkable leadership, encouragement, and instruction to those who have served in her department. Her colleagues say "Luisa is a true veteran advocate who always does the right thing in every situation. She is a true mentor to our nurses and provides unwavering support to all members of our team and especially to our veterans."

For the last forty years, Luisa has dedicated her professional career and personal compassion to nursing and providing the best possible care for our veterans. I can clearly remember my aunt talking about how she always dreamed of being a nurse but for many reasons was unable to achieve that dream. Luisa became the nurse her mother always wanted to be, fulfilling that dream, and exceeding all her mother's brightest wishes. It is so fitting that her retirement comes during National Nurses Week so that we may pay tribute to Luisa Canestri Howard and the remarkable career she has led. I wish her all the best for many more years of health and happiness as she begins this new life chapter.

HONORING DR. ALEX JOHNSON

HON. SHONTEL M. BROWN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Ms. BROWN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Alex Johnson, who will soon be retiring after nearly a decade of service as Cuyahoga Community College's President.

Dr. Johnson retires a pillar of the Cleveland community. His deep commitment to Tri-C's students and forward-thinking leadership helped shape graduates who were prepared for a lifetime of success in Northeast Ohio.

After becoming President of Tri-C in 2014, Dr. Johnson shared his vision for pushing Tri-C into the future by making degree programs, workforce training opportunities and personal enrichment classes more accessible to Northeast Ohioans. As a result, Tri-C continues to expand opportunity through high-quality education and skills training right here in the Greater Cleveland area.

Under Dr. Johnson's leadership, Tri-C's Nursing, Creative Arts, Public Safety, Hospitality Management, Information Technology and Manufacturing programs were reorganized to provide training and pathways for students entering some of the most in-demand career fields. He also spearheaded new investments in workforce training, like the College's Transportation Innovation Center in Euclid, as well as new programs aimed at uplifting those in low-income and distressed areas across the region.

During Dr. Johnson's tenure, Tri-C produced a record number of graduates and increased its graduation rates. It is hard to overstate the impact of this legacy. More students are graduating from Tri-C with the skills and information they need for a lifetime of success. Meanwhile, our workforce grows stronger thanks to the fact that around 85 percent of Tri-C graduates stay and work in the region.

Even in the most trying moments, Dr. Johnson's leadership proved to be crucial. Throughout the tumult of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Johnson served as a steady hand at the helm, ensuring students' continued success. Tri-C successfully transitioned to an on line learning and working environment and scaled its technology capabilities to maintain the school's promise to its students.

Dr. Johnson oversaw an era of growth, adaptation, and modernization at Tri-C, all while remaining committed to the school's core mission of delivering affordable higher education, providing equitable job opportunities, and ensuring successful degree completion. He helped to forge Tri-C into a vanguard of our local community and a model for community colleges nationwide.

Dr. Johnson's legacy is one of true distinction. His tenure as Tri-C president represents the culmination of a 40-year career in higher education. Beyond his contributions in the classroom, Dr. Johnson has also been an active and leading member of the Cleveland community. He has served on various boards, including the United Way of Greater Cleveland, Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, Ideastream, Playhouse Square, MAGNET, Team NEO, and the Greater Cleveland Partnership.

As a Tri-C graduate and the Representative for Ohio's Eleventh District, I deeply appreciate Dr. Johnson's extraordinary leadership, unparalleled vision, and lasting accomplishments. His legacy will only continue to grow through the countless students, teachers, and administrators he impacted.

On behalf of the people of Ohio's Eleventh Congressional District, I would like to thank Dr. Alex Johnson for his years of service as Tri-C's President and congratulate him on his retirement.

RECOGNIZING DR. RONALD A. PAUL

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the thoughtful and visionary leadership of Dr. Ronald A. Paul, the outgoing President of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of Greater Washington. During the last two years of the pandemic, Ron's compassionate and energetic leadership enabled the JCRC to render essential service not just to the Jewish Community but to the broader community during an excruciatingly hard time for so many people. Dr. Paul has served the people of Montgomery County, Maryland and beyond with relentless energy and enormous distinction. I am proud to be his Congressman and his friend.

For decades, Dr. Paul has dedicated countless hours as a key member of numerous executive committees and boards of local and national non-profit organizations. He served as Chair of the United Jewish Endowment Fund, Chair of the Endowment for the Jewish Agency for Israel of North America and the boards of the Jewish Council for the Aging, and the Anti-Defamation League.

But these commitments are not even his full-time job. For over four decades, Dr. Paul has worked as a renowned obstetrician-gynecologist while serving our community in numerous volunteer and leadership roles. His comprehensive approach to health care and inspirational leadership are deserving of the highest recognition and praise. Ron has been named one of Washingtonian magazine's Top Doctors.

Additionally, Dr. Paul and his loving wife, Toni, have dedicated themselves to serving survivors of the Holocaust in our community, and I want to give special recognition to Toni for founding the local Café Europa, a nationwide social program for survivors that has grown around the world since it was founded two decades ago.

Holocaust remembrance and education have been near and dear to Ron during his term as JCRC President, along with community security, and education and public health advocacy. His dedication to Maryland's Jewish community serves as an example for us all of what it means to be an engaged American citizen. I hope that the House will join me in celebrating Dr. Paul's enduring contributions.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SPRINGS LEARNING CENTER

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, in a year which marks the 200th anniversary of the Dominican Sisters ministry in United States, the Dominican Sisters of Peace, who make their home in City of New Haven, are marking a special milestone—the 20th Anniversary of the Springs Learning Center. Over the course of the last two decades, the Center has become an invaluable resource to our community, and, in particular to the immigrants who have chosen to make the Greater New Haven area their home.

Education has always been a core component of the work of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Indeed, they have provided educational and pastoral services in New Haven since 1901 in elementary, secondary, and college programs. Recognizing the growing adult literacy and English as a Second Language needs in the community, the Dominican Sisters opened Springs Learning Center in 2002 to continue their educational mission in the Fair Haven area.

Since opening its doors just twenty years ago, the Springs Learning Center has helped over one thousand learners improve their English language skills—and all with the assistance of over one hundred volunteer tutors, come of whom have been with the Center since the very beginning. These dedicated tutors have opened new doors of opportunity to those they have served, helping them to boost their employment and business development prospects, enhance their contributions to the community, and assist them in their pursuit of citizenship.

As the child of an immigrant, I understand the challenges these families can face as they try to acclimate to a new community and a new country. My father, Ted DeLauro, came to this country as a child and when his teachers and fellow classmates made fun of him for not immediately understanding the English language, he left school. He was just in 7th grade at the time. He was self-taught but never forgot his struggles and he dedicated much of his time as an adult helping other Italian immigrants translate documents and to learn the language. I can remember the visible relief and gratitude of each person and family he helped—it is that same remarkable gift that the Dominican Sisters and the volunteers at the Springs Learning Center give to each immigrant who seeks their help.

It is an honor for me to rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to the Dominican Sisters of Peace and the many volunteers and supporters of the Springs Learning Center as they celebrate their 20th Anniversary. My heartfelt thanks for their invaluable service, and very best wishes for many more years of success.

RECOGNIZING THE ILLINI BLUFFS HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM AS IHSA CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Illini Bluffs High School Softball Team as Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Class 1A State Champions.

The Illini Bluffs Softball team is no stranger to excelling when it comes to competition. The team has continued the legacy of competing in and winning the Class 1A State Championship for the second year in a row. The team now has two titles in Class 1A and are only one of two teams to do so since 2010. They are also the only team to have had a no-hitter finish in a State Title game since 1999. As a former student athlete, I commend them for their hard work and dedication.

I am incredibly proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District and the student athletes of Illini Bluffs High School. Madam Speaker, I would like to formally congratulate Illini Bluffs again on winning the Illinois High School Association Class 1A State Championships for Softball.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mr. McHENRY. Madam Speaker, due to a family emergency, I was unable to vote on June 13, 2022.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 256; YEA on Roll Call No. 257; and YEA on Roll Call No. 258.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHAPEL HAVEN SCHLEIFER CENTER

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the residents, families, administration, and supporters of Chapel Haven Schleifer Center as they mark the 50th Anniversary of this very special organization.

In 1972 a group of parents who shared the challenges of caring for adult children with varying levels of social and developmental disabilities banded together to try to find a solution to a common goal. As the late Jerry Rossman, one of the Center's co-founders, once described, they wanted "a place where our kids could live and learn their independence and then go home." Since they could not find an existing program to meet their needs, the opened the Chapel Haven Schleifer Center as a private non-profit special needs agency. The Center was opened on Chapel Street in New Haven, Connecticut with 6 students, 2 staff, and a dog.